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SUBJ: INDIA AND THE PRG

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES BY COMMUNIST MPS, MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SURENDRA PAL SINGH TOLD PARLIAMENT LAST WEEK THAT THE QUESTIONS OF RECOGNIZING THE PRG AND OF PERMITTING THE PRG TO OPEN AN INFORMATION CENTER IN INDIA REMAINED "UNDER CONSIDERATION"

2. MEA DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIA BUDHWAR TOLD US THAT THE PRG HAD EARLIER BEEN PRESSING THE INDIANS HARD FOR RECOGNITION BUT HAD EASED UP IN THE FACE OF LEGALISTIC ARGUMENT BY THE INDIANS ON WHY THEY WERE RELUCTANT TO MOVE AHEAD. HE INDICATED THAT THE INDIANS MIGHT BE MORE FLEXIBLE ON LETTING THE PRG OPEN AN INFORMATION OFFICE. HOWEVER, HE KNEW OF NO PLANS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A DECISION ON EITHER OF THESE QUESTIONS. DRAWING ON REFTEL, WE MADE CLEAR WE WOULD REGARD ANY MOVE TO ENHANCE THE LEGITIMACY OF THE PRG AS UNJUSTIFIED.

3. ACCORDING TO RVN CONSUL TUAN, THE PRG REQUEST TO OPEN AN INFORMATION OFFICE HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING SINCE MADAM BINH'S 1970 VISIT

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TO INDIA. TUAN HAD HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT IF THE

INDIANS DID NOT LET THE PRG OPEN AN OFFICE SOON, THE PRG MIGHT TRY TO GET ITS SUPPORTERS HERE TO SET UP AN INDIA-PRG FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE THAT COULD PERFORM SOME OF THE SAME FUNCTIONS.

4. TUAN SAID THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HAD BEEN LOBBYING HARD, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS, IN DELHI AGAINST THE ADMISSION OF THE PRG TO THE ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. MEA SECRETARY TRIVEDI HAD TOLD THEM INDIA WOULD PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH THE GENERAL CONSENSUS AND THE POSITION OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT, ALGERIA.

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